

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	May 25, 2016
BOARD MEETING	June 8, 2016
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval extend the term of 19 Basic Living Support Services (BLSS) Master Agreements for up to 12 months in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to ensure uninterrupted availability and accessibility of temporary housing and other necessities for clients and their children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
PROGRAM	Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development
DEADLINES	June 30, 2016
COST & FUNDING	The BLSS Master Agreements are fully funded with State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue in the amount of \$1,824,179, 2011 Realignment revenue in the amount of \$135,000 and an Intrafund Transfer from Department of Public Health (DPH) in the amount of \$112,000.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to: 1) extend the term of 19 BLSS Master Agreements expiring on June 30, 2016, on a month-to-month basis for up to 12 months; 2) amend the BLSS Master Agreements; and 3) to terminate BLSS Master Agreements without the need for further Board involvement.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>Extending the BLSS Master Agreements will allow basic support services to be provided with minimal disruption to clients currently residing in shelter facilities pending the outcome of a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) solicitation. DMH is currently in the process of finalizing the solicitations documents for release.</p> <p>Basic Living support services provide temporary housing, food, clothing, toiletries, and other necessities to DMH clients and their children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and have limited or no financial resources. DMH is asking to extend these agreements to ensure that this population has continued access to safe shelters and other basic life necessities until transitional or permanent housing is obtained.</p>
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